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1. Fresh and frozen meat may be imported into the interior from the German frontier only in whole carcasses. In case of horned cattle and pigs, however, the carcass may be divided into halves, but this exception does not apply to calves.

2. Pickled meat may be imported only when the weight of each piece is not less than 4 Kgs. (8.8 lbs.). This weight limit does not apply in the case of hams, bacon and sausage casings.

3. Restrictions on smoked meat are the same as those on pickled meat.

It is not necessary that the breast, stomach, lungs, heart, kidneys, and in the case of cows the udder, be left attached naturally to the carcass, and recently it has been made permissible to import such internal offals in a frozen state. The importation of pickled and salted internal offals is permitted, but the permission is granted only:

1. When they are imported whole;

2. When these organs can be submitted separately to the Meat Inspection authorities, that is, when each package contains only one kind of these parts.

A recent concession now permits the importation of frozen bacon such as fat backs. The importation of frozen pigs is permissible as they are treated as fresh pigs by the Meat Inspection authorities. Such products as skin, feet, ears, mouth, lips, sinews and head meat are not permitted to be imported at the present time.

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1. Fresh and frozen meat may be imported into the interior from the German frontier only in whole carcasses. In case of bonded cattle and pigs, however, the carcass may be divided into halves, but this exception does not apply to calves.

2. Pickled meat may be imported only when the weight of each piece is not less than 1 kg. (2.2 lbs.). This weight limit does not apply in the case of hams, bacon and sausage casings.

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2. When these organs can be exhibited separately to the host inspection authorities, that is, when each separate organ is of a kind of these parts.

A recent amendment now permits the importation of frozen bacon such as fat bacon. The importation of frozen pigs is permitted as they are treated as fresh pigs by the host inspection authorities. Such products as skin, feet, ears, mouth, lips, claws and hoofs are not permitted to be imported at the present time.